

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, children do not have lobbyists in this country. Children do not have political action committees, and children cannot vote.

And it is no wonder, Mr. Speaker, that children are getting the shaft by the Republican cuts in the Head Start Program. Here is a Head Start Program that President Reagan and President Bush wanted to increase funding in. They did not want to cut children out of this program. This goes too far and it is too extreme. This threatens to put children out on the streets.

The Speaker has an earning by learning program, paying children to learn by reading a book. You cannot pay them to read a book if you cannot teach them how to read.

Please support restoring the \$137 million cuts to our precious Head Start Programs.

AUDIT RESULTS

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, business men and women across America know the first thing you do when you acquire a new enterprise is to audit the books. Last November the American people took back the House of Representatives from the liberals who had controlled it absolutely for 40 years. When the new American majority assumed responsibility for this institution last January, we took the practical, prudent step of authorizing a complete audit of the House of Representatives.

Today, the results of that first-ever audit are being made public. It will come as no surprise to the American people that the independent audit by Price Waterhouse has proven once again that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Competence, waste, expediency, mismanagement, confusion, contradiction, living above the law, no accountability, no security, these are among the findings of the auditors being reported today.

The bottom line is inescapable and undeniable. This House, this cherished institution designed by our constitutional forefathers of this great Nation is once again going to be a people's House because we are going to clean it up.

KEEP PROGRAMS THAT ARE MEANINGFUL TO THE MIDDLE CLASS

(Mr. KLINK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, we have been dwelling on Medicare cuts for quite some time during these 1-minute remarks and for good reason. But the gentleman from Indiana who spoke two speakers previous to me talked about cuts in Head Start. He reminded me of

a Head Start Program that I visited back in my own district. You could tell when they serve the lunches to these young children at Head Start that some of them had not eaten in quite a long time.

Now, the whole question is, How can you be prepared to learn if you do not have food on your stomach? How can you be prepared to learn when you are not getting that instruction at home? The parents did get them enrolled in the Head Start Program. Teachers talked about the fact that they had made great strides not only with these youngsters preparing them to learn but also with the parents themselves.

Cuts on college loans, cuts on Head Start, cuts in Medicare, cuts in Medicaid, these are going to hurt our people, and also that we can get \$245 billion in tax cuts prior to balancing the budget. The elimination of corporate taxes and nonrefundable \$500 per child, lower capital gains, this is not going to mean much to the middle class. But Medicare, Head Start, college loans, all of these things mean a great deal.

MORE ON AUDIT RESULTS

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, given the Democrats' track record for balancing the Federal budget, it should come as no surprise that they used less than precise bookkeeping during the 40 years of managing or mismanaging the House of Representatives.

According to Roll Call and a Price Waterhouse audit of the House books, Democrats did not pay the bills they ran up, used numbers convenient to their purpose, and made a mockery of the trust of the American people. Sound familiar? That is the exact same Democrat management style that gave this country \$5 trillion of debt.

Having heard the demand of the American people, House Republicans are changing the way Congress operates. It is simply common sense to expect the people's House and the Government to pay their bills. That is what small businesses and American families do across the country. The Government of the greatest Nation on Earth should do no less. We will balance the budget in 7 years. Republicans are administering this House of Representatives with seriousness and reverence appropriate for the leading democracy and not the lackadaisical approach taken during the last 40 years.

CRUMBLING ECONOMY

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, as the Republican revolution patters on about the audit of the House of Representatives, the economy is crumbling around us. It is business as usual in Washington, DC, or, rather, as usual, big busi-

ness and Wall Street are dictating that we continue our failed trade policies with the enthusiastic support of the new Speaker and the new majority.

We ran a record trade deficit in May. According to the Commerce Department, it was an \$11.4 billion trade deficit. That means we exported 228,000 jobs to unfair trading partners around the world.

What does the new majority have to say about that? Well, precious little, because they are too busy filling their campaign coffers with special trips to Wall Street rather than addressing the failed trade policy. Yes, this administration, the Clinton administration, has followed Reagan and Bush in this failure. But the new majority is doing nothing to change it. We need a new trade policy for this country, a policy that brings jobs home to America and protects our economy.

RESULTS OF HOUSE AUDIT

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I listened with great interest to the preceding speaker pooh-pooh the results of the House audit. My goodness, the most profound news to come out of this new Congress, another promise kept that showed by this audit what blatant disregard House officials had for common mathematics.

Listen to this. Records were so inadequate and so incomplete that the auditors would not render an opinion on the reliability of the House's financial statements. This is the worst evaluation that an auditor can issue. The finance office in this institution under the previous rule processed \$700 million a year in expenses and salaries using handwritten ledgers that the auditors cannot make sense out of.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, this new majority with help from dedicated Members of the new minority will remake this institution in the image of the American people. Today the audit symbolizes another promise made, another promise kept, keeping our word and bond with the American people to get back to basics and get back to business.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO PRIVATIZE MEDICARE

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, a recent Washington Times story confirmed what seniors have feared about Republican plans to cut Medicare. The conservative newspaper reported that the Republican leadership's ultimate goal is to privatize Medicare. Today, the GOP is ready to dismantle Medicare today, to finance their tax cut to the wealthy. But what about tomorrow?